

EUROPEAN WAR STARTED BY AGED AUSTRIAN RULER

Manifesto of Francis Joseph
Was Torch Which Broke
Peace of Continent.

Vienna, Austria, Aug. 18.—The great and cruel war that now bids fair to devastate and impoverish all Europe was directly, though not primarily, caused by Austria-Hungary's declaration of war against Serbia. Slavonic Russia came to the aid of the Slavs of Serbia and Germany took her place beside Austria. This brought about a clash of the triple alliance and the triple entente and France and England were drawn in.

The real "last straw" of the great conflict, therefore, that "broke the camel's back" of the peace of Europe, was the manifesto of the aged emperor, Francis Joseph, of Austria-Hungary. For the first time, this edict is here-with given in full, as the ruler of the dual monarchy wrote it:

"Dear Count Stuerger: I have resolved to instruct the ministers of my household and foreign affairs to notify the royal Serbian government of the beginning of a state of war between the monarchy and Serbia. In this fateful hour I feel the need of turning to my beloved people. I command you, therefore, to publish the enclosed manifesto."

"To My People: It was my fervent wish to consecrate the years, which, by the grace of God, still remain to me, to the word of peace and to protect my people from the heavy sacrifices and burdens of war. Providence, in its wisdom, has otherwise decreed. The intrigue of a malevolent opponent compels me, in the defense of the honor of my monarchy, for the protection of its dignity, and its position as a power for the security of its possessions, to grasp the sword, after long years of peace. With a quickly forgotten ingratitude, the kingdom of Serbia, which, from the first beginnings of its independence as a state until quite recently, had been supported and assisted by my ancestors, has for years trodden the path of open hostility to Austria-Hungary."

"When, after three decades of fruitful work for peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, I extended my sovereign rights to those lands, my decree called forth in the kingdom of Serbia, whose rights were in nowise injured, outbreaks of unrestrained passion and the bitterest hate. My government at that

PROPHESY OF NAPOLEON THAT EUROPE WOULD BE COSSACK OR REPUBLICAN MAY BE FULFILLED

Man Who Conquered and Then Lost the Greater Part of
Europe Foresaw Present Great Conflict More than
100 Years Ago; Maintaining of "Divine Right of
Kings" Grows More Difficult in Old World.

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 18.—A hundred and some-odd years ago Napoleon Bonaparte, the second Julius Caesar, a Corsican by birth and nobody

by ancestry, forced his rule upon France, she willingly bowing her neck to his sovereignty, welcome because full of time employed the handsome privileges of the stronger and, with extreme consideration and leniency, only requested Serbia to reduce her army to a peace footing and to promise that, for the future, she would tread the path of peace and friendship. Guided by the same spirit of moderation, my government, when Serbia, two years ago was embroiled in a struggle with the Turkish empire, restricted its action to the defense of the most serious and vital interests of the monarchy. It was to this attitude that Serbia primarily owed the attainment of the objects of that war.

Attitude Openly Hostile.
"The hope that the Serbian kingdom would appreciate the patience and love of peace of my government and would keep its word, has not been fulfilled. The flame of its hatred for myself and my house has blazed always higher; the design to tear from us by force inseparable portions of Austria-Hungary has been made manifest with less and less disguise. A criminal propaganda has extended over the frontier with the object of destroying the foundations of state order in the southeastern part of the monarchy; of making the people, to whom I, in my paternal affection, extended my full confidence, waver in its loyalty to the ruling house and to the fatherland; of leading astray its growing youth and inciting it to mischievous deeds of madness and high treason. A series of murderous attacks, an organized, carefully prepared and well carried out conspiracy, whose fruitful success would have cost me and my loyal people to the heart, forms a

military glory to her, but no less welcome because it was a relief from the despotic tyranny of her own Bourbon. But when Napoleon usurped the sovereignty of Naples and put first his brother Joseph upon its throne and then his sister Caroline and Murat, when Joseph was made king of Spain

visible bloody track of those secret machinations which were operated and directed in Serbia.

Halt Had to Be Called.
"A halt must be called to these intolerable proceedings, and an end must be put to the incessant provocations of Serbia. The honor and dignity of my monarchy must be preserved unimpaired, and its political, economic and military development must be guarded from these continual shocks."

"In vain did my government make an attempt to accomplish this object by peaceful means and to induce Serbia, by means of a serious warning to desist. Serbia has rejected the just and moderate demands of my government and refused to conform to those obligations the fulfillment of which forms the natural and necessary foundations of peace in the life of peoples and states. I must therefore proceed by force of arms to secure those indispensable pledges which alone can ensure tranquility to my states within and lasting peace without."

Fully Conscious of Responsibility.
"In this solemn hour I am fully conscious of the whole significance of my resolve and my responsibility before the Almighty. I have examined and weighed everything, and, with a serene conscience, I set out on the path to which my duty points. I trust in my people, who, throughout every storm, have always rallied in unity and loyalty round my throne, and have always been prepared for the severest sacrifice for the honor, the greatness, and the might of the fatherland. I trust in the Almighty to give the victory to my arms."

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Norfolk, Va., Aug. 19.—The German tank steamer Dolphin, Capt. Kriete, arrived in Hampton Roads after dodging British and French warships for 12 days. The Dolphin left Hamburg July 29, four days before war was declared.

For eight nights the Dolphin burned no lights and Captain Kriete says he was on the bridge for four days and nights without sleep. He ran his ship at full speed.

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